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SUBJECT: DOBRYNIN INFORMED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN ASSURANCES

1. I CALLED IN DOBRYNIN AUGUST 22 AND GAVE HIM THE  
FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
NUCLEAR PROBLEM:

(BEGIN TEXT)

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE  
BETWEEN PRESIDENT BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT CARTER, WE WANT  
YOUR GOVERNMENT TO KNOW ABOUT THE RESULTS THUS FAR OF OUR  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE QUES-  
TION OF NUCLEAR TESTING.

IT IS OUR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF  
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND WE WOULD  
VIEW WITH THE GRAVEST CONCERN THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR  
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EXPLOSIVES INTO THE ALREADY TENSE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA.

IN THIS CONTEXT, WE HAVE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED FIRM ASSUR-  
ANCES FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO THE FOLLOWING  
EFFECT:

(1) SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT HAVE OR INTEND TO DEVELOP  
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY PURPOSE, PEACEFUL OR  
OTHERWISE;

(2) THAT THERE WILL BE NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TESTING OF  
ANY KIND IN SOUTH AFRICA.

WHILE WE BELIEVE THESE ASSURANCES ARE IMPORTANT AS A  
FIRST STEP, LONGER RANGE MEASURES ARE ALSO IMPORTANT.  
WE WILL INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO PLACE ALL ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES  
UNDER FULL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND TO DECLARE ITS  
INTENTION TO SIGN THE NPT.

(END TEXT)

2. DOBRYNIN COMMENTED THAT THE ASSURANCES WERE A FIRST  
STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.  
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IT IS OUR FIRM DETERMINATION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND WE WOULD VIEW WITH THE GRAVEST CONCERN THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES INTO THE ALREADY TENSE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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